

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

We have seen in the past few months how important the media are to preserving free speech, democratic discourse, and the rights of all citizens. Please do not jeopardize that in America--let's make our media a model for all other countries.